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SUBJECT: TAPLINE RECEIVED WARNING FROM PRESIDENT FRANGIE ON  
DISMISSALS

REF: BEIRUT 5644

1. ACCORDING TO DODGE OF TAPLINE, NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS  
PRESENTLY DEBATING WHETHER THEY SHOULD PROCEED WITH  
DISMISSAL OF 50 TAPLINE EMPLOYEES ON MAY 27, (EACH OF  
WHOM HAS BEEN OFFERED A JOB IN SAUDI ARABIA), AS WAS  
REPORTED WOULD HAPPEN IN THE PRESS. DOGE STATES THAT  
GOL HAS DELIBERATELY CHOSEN TO IGNORE PRESS REPORT  
(WHICH WAS IN FACT ISSUED BY TAPLINE) IN ORDER TO ASSIST  
TAPLINE IN AVOIDING A HEAD-ON COLLISION COURSE.

2. DODGE NOTES CONFIDENTIALLY THAT TAPLINE HAS RECEIVED  
A VERY STRONG WARNING NOT TO PROCEED WITH DISMISSALS.  
THIS WARNING COMES NOT FROM THE PRACTICALLY NON-EXISTING  
GOVERNMENT BUT FROM PRESIDENT FRANGIE PERSONNALLY. HE  
BELIEVES WARNING MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY INASMUCH AS  
TAPLINE OWNERS DO NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO GIVE UP THE  
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LINE. (OBVIOUSLY IF OWNERS WERE PREPARED TO ABANDON

THE LINE, CONSEQUENCES OF PROCEEDING WITH DISMISSALS  
WILL BE CONSIDERABLY LESS SEVERE.)

3. FRANGIE'S WARNING IS PARTICULARLY STRONG BECAUSE OF  
FEAR THAT DISMISSALS COULD LEAD NOT ONLY TO STRIKE BY  
OIL WORKERS BUT TO GENERAL STRIKE IN THESE PARTICULARLY  
CRITICAL TIMES. IN GIVING WARNING, ON THE OTHER HAND,  
ASSURANCES WERE ALSO GIVEN THAT A GOLD DELEGATION WOULD  
PROCEED TO SAUDI ARABIA JUST AS SOON AS THE SAUDI  
INVITATION RECEIVED, EVEN IF GOL GOVERNMENT FALLS.

4. DODGE CONTINUES TO ASSURE US THAT HE WILL KEEP US  
POSTED IN ADVANCE OF ANY DRASTIC ACTION IMPLEMENTED.  
HE IS PERSONALLY AWARE OF THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN  
IMPLEMENTING DISMISSAL PROGRAM BUT IS NOT COMPLETELY  
CERTAIN HE HAS CONVINCED NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS.  
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